

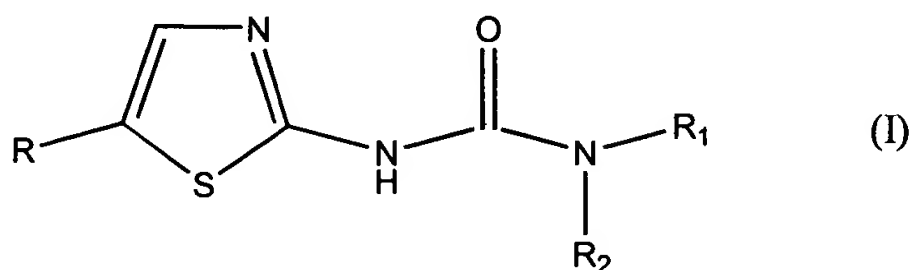
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A 2-amino-1,3-thiazole derivative of formula (I)

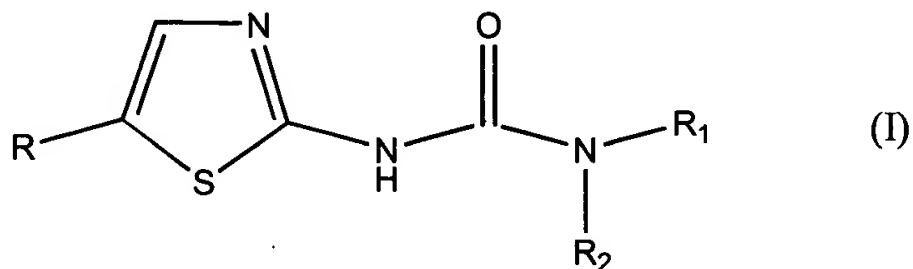


wherein

R is bromine, chlorine, a straight or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl group, a phenyl group, a cycloalkyl group; R₂ is hydrogen and R₁ is an optionally substituted aryl or an arylalkyl or heterocyclalkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms within the alkyl chain, wherein R₁ is not 4-(5-oxazolyl) phenyl.

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) A 2-amino-1,3-thiazole derivative of formula (I)

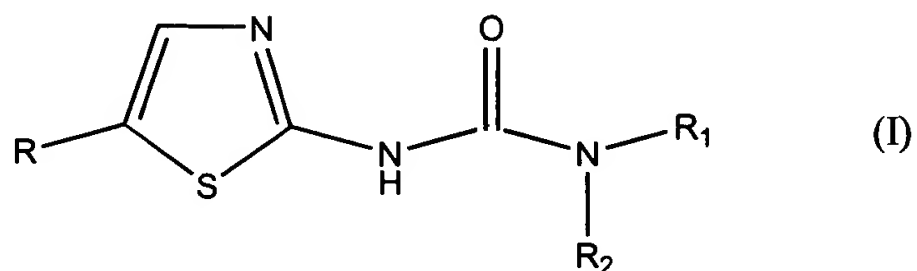


wherein

R is a straight or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group and, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bonded, R₁ and R₂ form a substituted or unsubstituted, optionally

benzocondensed or bridged 5 to 7 membered heterocycle, or a 9 to 11 membered spiro-heterocycle.

12. (Previously presented) A 2-amino-1,3-thiazole derivative of formula (I)



wherein

R is a straight or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl group; R₂ is a straight or branched C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₂-C₄ alkenyl or alkynyl group and R₁ is an aryl or arylalkyl group with from 1 to 4 carbon atoms within the straight or branched alkyl chain.

Claims 13-21 (Cancelled)